



Police Department

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A Statement from Chief Kennedy on the Verdict in the Derek Chauvin Trial

The murder of George Floyd was deeply disturbing, wrong, and a great concern to us all. We stand in solidarity with Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo in affirming that Derek Chauvin's actions were inconsistent with our training, against our policies, showed no level of compassion for George Floyd, and were in direct opposition to the very ethics and values of our profession.

Yesterday's decision to uphold all counts against Derek Chauvin was an important step in the long journey toward accountability and justice. We also know yesterday's verdict does not end the hurt, anger, frustration and fear that so many communities are feeling. Yesterday's step is not the end of the journey. Law enforcement must work to repair the trust broken from this horrible event.

Every day public safety professionals continue to work tirelessly to keep our communities safe. As a law enforcement leader, I will continue our work to build trust and forge new partnerships and new bonds across our community. We must continue to improve community engagement and communication, enhance relationships with those that we serve, and improve law enforcement training, policies and practices that reflect the expectations of our community. The men and women of the Chula Vista Police Department remain committed to service with compassionate policing, accountability, and equality.

We have much work to do. It is my hope and prayer that we come together to heal, to continue the hard work of change, and to move forward together as a unified community.

Roxana Kennedy
Chief of Police